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The March of Death.

BY MARLIE.

"Look out—for God's sake—look out, Jack."

"Don't fret me, God Almighty and me! I'm old, but in this sort of work."

"Great! Thrud. A shrieking groan of terror. Then—"

The man who has called out the warning, now cries loudly for help. Underneath a heap of earth, not three paces from where he stands, his brother miner, whose lips have just closed on the blasphemous lying boat, is buried.

Man comes running to the spot, spades and eager arms are soon at work to dig, digging as for dear life, for the life of a fellow creature. But it is an hour the body is reached and dragged out, the face swollen, distorted and black with suffocation. Bland and restorative are applied, basin, rain, life has been extinct fully an hour. One life in the great odd world, one police, distorted existence lived out in drunkenness and vice for forty sinful years, and then gone in a moment into eternity—as hundreds of such lives pass away in our great cities year after year.

How rapidly the march of death goes on! What a common event in THE PASSING OF A FUNERAL

procession along our roads. The fact that the cold, stark remains of a fellow creature, once as full of life and life's hopes and miseries as they, are being carried to their long home, seems to disturb no one's egotism. It is only a funeral. The most interesting thing about it is the wealth of white robes and evergreens upon the

That something is not hard to be divine. Opposite the shattered door stands a hearse, the horses' heads plumed, and on their backs cloths of sombre velvet. Several carriages and wretches are in waiting, and the master undertaker in silky broadcloth is bustling in and out of the house. Altogether it is a handsome turn-out. The master of the house has started on his long journey, and his remains are about to be carried in pompous funeral state to the Cemetery.

"They say he's left his widdle and daughters well off," goes the gossip among a party of women. "Enough to retire and live comfortable on. But for Mrs. S—, 'twould well that she lose the profits of such a house as that."

There is a group standing near a lamp-post. An excited, ragged man in the middle is cursing and denouncing the deceased.

"Look at me," he cries, lifting a boy

"Well, he must keep his house respectable, and such as you wouldn't improve the looks of things."

"Respectable! Wasn't I respectable when I first came there?" raves the man. "Wasn't I a decent working man with a good suit to my back? Look at my home then—a tidy, comfortable little place, and look at it now! Look at my children then and look at 'em now—Starved! Aye, more than one's been starved to death!"

"That was your lookout, not his," argues a bystander who is smoking with his pipe upside down, "you could've stopped away if you'd a' chose."

"Slipped away when my workshop was close to his cursed back entrance and he was willing to run up a score as easy as his your hand? Yes, run it up while the money was going, but when I'd lost my work and couldn't get any more, treat him for letting me have another drop, the old—"

So the ragged, half-demented creature raves on, and the listeners' pool pooh, and finally hoot him away. Presently commences, bells and a curings are interrupted by the appearance of the coffin followed by the mourners, a widow, daughter and friends of the deceased, all in abundance of orange, black kid gloves, and with white handkerchiefs to their faces. What solemn mockery to that patient, silent corpse lying stark in his narrow house. How much of its gains and profits would the departed spirit gladly exchange for a few hours on this the awful side of eternity?

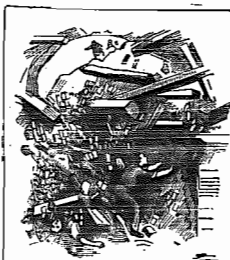
How surely and steadily the ghostly procession to the river of death swells its ranks. A man sat in one of our halls a short time back, and going out was asked the great question concerning his soul's welfare.

"No hurry, I'm thinking about it. I've been thinking about it in this place for the last three months."

It was urged that since God's Spirit first spoke to his soul this night might be his last.

"Oh, both, I tell you I am thinking it over, and it'll most likely take me as long again to settle it."

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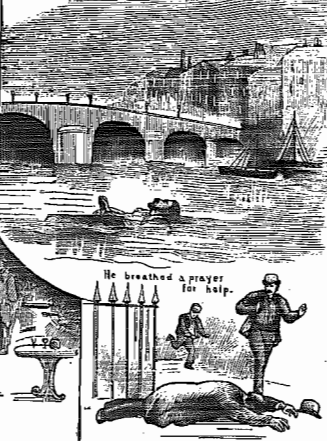
Look out Jack for God's sake.



The last struggle.



The fatal dance



He breathed a prayer for help.

THE MARCH OF DEATH.

Here is a specimen scene oft enacted in our neighborhoods. A low saloon about up per cent. (It will be open in the evening driving a brisk trade enough.) The customers now are outside instead of inside, lounging against the walls smoking or discussing a topic of evident interest. At the corner opposite is a large crowd of expectant lookers-on. They are evidently waiting for something in immediate prospect.

The customers' letter round in admiration of the "turn-out" and offer bets on the probable cost. They comment on the character of the landlady, and wonder what pious inscription will be put on his grave.

"Oh, he was a respectable old sort. Hadn't a faller run a decent score when he was hard up, if there was any prospect of the tin coming in later on. Of course, you couldn't expect him to do it without."

arm with a ragged sleeve hanging to it. I've drunk at his cursed house till I've till I've come to this. I've drunk there for years, I've drunk every cent of my wages many a time and when I couldn't pay any more, and could get no work to do because I'm such a shaking old set, he kicks me out into the gutter, gives me a month in goal for making a row, but never another drop, though I was dying and pleaded it on my bended knees."

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THE BODY WAS BURIED. During a severe thunderstorm that had just abated, and could be heard as quickly as the lightning.

They were one and the same, the grief-stricken mother, only at the grave, and the living son of three weeks previous. He was a beautiful boy, and was not a violent or untidily dead. An old illness had attacked him and he had been in the hospital for three or four weeks to be nursed from natural causes.

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A few days later, the morning sun is shining on a suburban stream, and on the tropic and grass and birds that flutter down to the river's bank. It is a beautiful scene as if we were in a garden.

The meeting passed off and all was well. The old time was the body of a young girl in evening dress—the face, half eaten by rats, is hardly recognizable by relatives, who are in the crowd.

Just here a quick march! The order "Fall in!" The drum beats.

And down the street we passed, when all at once an attempt was made. Our noble ranks to scatter.

The train moved out, and on we sped. The train moved out, and on we sped. The train moved out, and on we sped.

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when death claimed her. Her husband, who was a soldier, was killed in the war.

My child's name! Where is my child's name? The girl's mother, who has just arrived to lament the loss of the child she had no hope of meeting again.

From all classes, from all grades of society, the people of the town gathered to see the funeral.

Look at this gay group of folk, mated only a few weeks back in the vicinity of our barracks.

Large dancing rooms filled with young men and women. Light, shining dresses, gay voices. Bright eyes of colored light and lively music.

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